

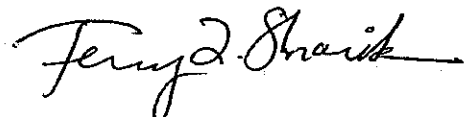
10 September 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR SENATOR PHIL PAVLOV

FROM: Michigan Technological University
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Civilian Conservation Corps Program Reforms

1. As the dean of the largest Society of American Foresters accredited program in the state of Michigan, I offer my support to the Civilian Conservation Corps program reforms proposed by Senators Hansen (Senate Bill 1261), Casperson (SB 1262), Pavlov (SB 1263), Warren (SB 1264) and Green (SB 1265).
2. These reforms promise to offer job creation in Michigan by expanding the scope of youth work experiences and to encourage talented natural resource students to remain within the state. This program is important because it enhances the knowledge, skills, and abilities of natural resource students by providing on-the-ground training that complements in-classroom lessons.
3. I believe these reforms are vital to the long-term sustainability of the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps and for ensuring natural resource job creation for Michigan.
4. In terms of material support, I'm pleased to offer accommodations at the Michigan Tech Ford Center at an affordable cost to the program. The Michigan Tech Ford Center has dorm-style rooms, separate bathing facilities for men and women, dining facilities, and meeting space for participants and leaders. The School is prepared to support a state-wide or regional program at the Michigan Tech Ford Center.
4. I would also be pleased to serve on a steering/advisory committee for the proposed program.
5. Address any questions directly to me at tlsharik@mtu.edu or 906 487-2352.



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